GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SOCIAL AUDIT UNDER NREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made social auditing necessary under all the rural development schemes in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether social audits of projects under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) have been stalled in some States;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) & (b); Yes, Sir. Ministry of Rural Development has adopted five pronged strategy for all rural development programmes. These are
(i) awareness generation,
(ii) people`s participation,
(iii) transparency,
(iv) accountability-social audit through Gram Sabha and
(v) strict vigilance and monitoring.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): States have been directed that social audit of each and every work of NREGA should be completed within three months and the Ministry be apprised of the results of the social audit. Members of the Central Employment Guarantee Council are actively participating in the Social audit.